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On the Street

WRITING from Wichita Falls our friend, Paul Scott, says: "Herewith please find the necessary requirement for renewal of my subscription for another year to the Messenger. Of all the dollars I have spent I know of none whose worth is more than the one which brings the Messenger." O. F. Cheeves of Vineyard, sends the price of a year's subscription, saying: "I can not do without it."

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ACCORDING To a statement of State Senator Irwin from Dallas: "Crime is costing the tax payers of Texas over $260,000 a day. Twenty times a month, as the grocery bill of the state. Costs $2,620 to convict a man and put him in the penitentiary; $1,500.92 to keep him there for a term of five years, or $4,212 to convict and keep a criminal in the penitentiary for a few short years."

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QUITE A NUMBER of former Decatur citizens now living in Dallas," remarked C. W. Martin, here this week from the metropolis, "and in the Oak Cliff part there has been organized a Decatur club, and monthly the members come together and have a party or celebration. We discuss old times in Decatur and recall the happy incidents in our lives while living here. I find former Decatur people in most parts of the state, and, I believe, as some one has said, if all the people who lived here were to return the town would have to be extended."

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GIVE ME a few sample copies of the Messenger," George Jamison stated as he made preparations to make a business trip into the eastern part of the county. "May find several in that section who do not know what a good weekly paper we have in the county seat and after taking a sample they will subscribe. I have been a subscriber to the Messenger a long time and it grows better weekly. One thing I like about the Messenger," continued George, "is that it is fair and square in reporting the county and local news. It is in the front rank for the town and county. As a farmer, I like the Messenger as the favorite county paper."

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QUITE A LIST of the best and finest Christmas presents has come to the people of Decatur, since a short time ago the local photos consolidated and gave the suffering public one of the best service ever rendered. If the service were not what it is, it would be amusing that a city of Decatur, town of about three thousand population, having two telephone systems. But reflection will show that the patron who is compelled to keep both phones is paying almost one-half more than the subscribers in cities like Fort Worth and Dallas, where service is the watchword. It looks like the Southwestern will buy out the Independent or the latter company trade with the Southwestern. It is not only inconvenient to people here but the expense is high. And to the credit of the present management be it said that the prices have been gradually reduced to the present basis. Decatur is entitled to the best service and the best prices and we believe we are getting both. Anyway, we don't make much money and telephone service.

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[illegible] Christmas is coming on apace. Only [illegible] weeks when Santa Claus, a number [illegible] who called to see the duck, will [illegible] here to be met. The [illegible] has to function and with [illegible] income derived from taxation there will be no Christmas. Some time and to some people paying taxes is like settling account for something you have purchased that you could have done without beautifully. It goes against the grain, so to speak. But as I say, taxes must be paid; that is the law. And to pay taxes during or immediately following the holiday festivities hurts; but, the makers of the rule, or law, regarding paying of taxes were good, and had some feeling for the victim, in that they extended the time a full month after the fun and frolic is over. January 31st is the last day, and it is good to know that a fellow has thirty-one days in the new year in which to hustle and hump to meet his dues. A majority of us will take advantage of the time limit, and wait until the closing days of January. You see, Messenger reporter, we want to handle and possess the money just as long as the law will allow. So, I am going to wait the last call to settle my account with my county and state."

[illegible] Prof.—"What is an Italian decora[illegible]

[illegible]de.—"Spaghetti on the vest."

BURLESON WON STATE TITLE OF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

Bruins Defeated D. B. C. Eleven 3-0 On Fort Worth Gridiron

Football crown of the Texas Junior College Conference went to Burleson College of Greenville in Fort Worth Wednesday when John Ramsey drove the ball between the uprights at the Texas Christian University stadium in the second period. The three points resulting from the Ramsey field goal was the only score of the game between Burleson College and Decatur College Indians, and gave the championship to Woodrow Wilson's clever Bruins.

Delegations from Decatur and from Greenville braved the cold, missing rain to see these two strong football college teams battle for the crown on a gridiron so soggy that nothing but straight football and none too much of it could be used.

It was a battle in which to Burleson kept the Indians on the defensive most of the time, but twice when within a few inches of the Decatur goal line failed to pierce the Indians' ranks for the needed gains.

Ramsey of Burleson grabbed to hero honors with his place kick, he it was Zarafonetis who did the ground gaining for the winners. Time and again he ripped off table or dashed around end for gains. Once, in the first period, he slipped off tackle and gained thirty-five yards to the Decatur five yard line. He was stopped there on the first play of the second period and was stopped on the first play of the third period and was stopped on the first play of the fourth period and was stopped on the first play of the fourth period and was stopped on the first play of the fourth

Canadian Ravens Are Nuisance to Loggers

The lumbermen of the North woods of Ontario have no love for the raven as a companion in their work, according to the experience of Mr. Charles MacNamara, who writes from Arnprior about this bird to Natural History magazine. "The French-Canadian shantymen say that he calls 'poche poche,' referring to the bag in which they carry their midday meal. If the 'poche' is not hidden under a stump or buried deep in the snow while the log-makers are at work, the raven is very likely to tear it open with his powerful bill and eat the men's lunch of bread and pork. I set out one winter day from a lumber depot to walk to a camp a few miles distant. The road through the forest forked several times, and after a while it dawned on me that I had taken a wrong turning, for there was no sign of the camp, and I had already walked more than its distance from the depot. Just then I heard a small, hoarse dog barking a little way ahead. There, I thought, is a gang of log-makers who have a dog with them. I shall get my directions from them. But 'the small, hoarse dog' was a stately raven who made no more obeisance to me than his famous ancestor did to Edgar Allan Poe."

Good Hubby, Says Wife, and His Is the Life

I am the wife of a newspaper man built on the stay-at-home, all-alone plan. He is a fellow whose work in his life-building comes first. A newspaper wife

[illegible]

I am the wife of a newspaper man. Many a woman [illegible] Hardships it means, but [illegible] many sound strange, I wouldn't want him to falter and change.

He has a setting in which he's wrapped up. Keeps his interests full in his cup.

Please keep your pity [illegible] under my ban. I am the wife of a newspaper man.—T. D. in New York World.

Diet for Health

The Department of Agriculture says that the [illegible] and diet peculiarities within the [illegible] the food is [illegible] ories, [illegible] weight [illegible] right [illegible] cium, [illegible] and [illegible] bulky [illegible] expand [illegible] pas- [illegible] flour [illegible] that [illegible] vanced [illegible] and [illegible] prop- [illegible] ed [illegible] with [illegible] the [illegible] cular [illegible] thes [illegible] ofte [illegible] ent [illegible]

New England Honor to Jefferson Davis

Bowdoin college, situated in the village of Brunswick, Maine, in 1858 bestowed upon Jefferson Davis of Mississippi one of the college's highest honors, an LL.D. degree. Davis was soon to become President of the Southern Confederacy. Only six short years before Harriet Beecher Stowe, wife of a Bowdoin professor, wrote her famous antislavery novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The only other Bowdoin LL.D. in 1858 was conferred upon Senator William Pitt Fessenden of Maine, Davis' opponent in Washington on practically all political matters.

Why did Bowdoin college thus honor Davis? Was it because he was spending the summer in Maine and had won many hearts by his personal charm? Was his degree, as contemporary Republican newspapers say, "an evidence of toadyism" or the result of wire-pulling by certain influential Democrats desirous of "promoting their own personal aims"? Was it through the influence of Davis' friend, former President Franklin Pierce, a Bowdoin alumnus, and that of Leonard Woods, president of Bowdoin, an abolitionist sympathizer? Or was it because of Davis' really distinguished services as United States senator and as former secretary of war? Was it, then, a generous and nonpartisan tribute to ability and national accomplishment?—Christian Science Monitor.

Always Big Demand for Fur of Ermine

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MONEY TALKS

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Shiloh M. E. Church.

Go to church on Sunday and feel better on Monday. Special Christmas sermon Sunday morning at night a five song service, followed by a short sermon.

There are three kinds of people in the world: workers, shirkers and jerkers; which are you?—Outler D. Gore.

The Sunday school class of Mrs. Dick Collins gave a turkey dinner in the dining room of the First Methodist church Tuesday night. About forty members of the class participated in the feast.

Roslyn Williams of Rhome, was in this city Saturday on business.

Mrs. Floyd Head and Children were in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many kind friends who helped us administer to our beloved son and brother, Mark C. Dillehay, during his last illness and death, and for the beautiful floral offering.—T. J. Dillehay and Family.

Representatives of the state highway department have been in the city this week, making inquiry about some road building machinery that will be used on the work now being done on the six mile stretch of road north of Alvord, and thru Montague county. It is understood that the state department will do this work, refusing to let it out by contract.

Mrs. Roy Santy of Hamilton was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Santy of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin of Dallas, were here this week.

H. M. Helm and wife spent Sunday in Arlington.

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Crossed Wires Blamed for Suicide Attempt

It isn't so long ago, measured in months, since I was wakened out of my sleep one night. A friend was concerned about another friend. The latter had been increasingly morbid and despondent, said the man on the phone, and he feared that something might happen that very night—

"I've telephoned Sam and he does not answer."

So we called upon our moody friend. There was no response to our knocks. Three o'clock in the morning.

"Break in the door!"

The house was one of the sort builders have been putting up of late years. Full of handsome details, but made largely of brown paper and plaster. We did not need an ax or even a jimmy to get through that door. No wonder the owner was despondent—when he awakened to the thought that he had bought that sort of house. He must have concluded he was not in his right mind. In the bedroom we found our friend with an empty bottle by his side.

"He'll live now," said the doctor at daybreak.

"Why didn't you two fools leave me alone?" asked our ungrateful friend. "I'll do it next time—"

So we rode herd on him, to use a westernism. We gave him no chance to "do it again." We kept him alive and interested and sometimes angry and incidentally changed his diet and coaxed his liver into resuming operations and petted his nerves until they calmed down. He's the best man I know today. Healthy, happy, busy and is considering matrimony and a camping trip and cannot quite decide which he wants first.

"His trouble was [illegible]

[illegible] crossed wires. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Trapped!

[illegible]

"Do I know," said Mr. [illegible] Kennedy, "and no lions now to scare you. Recall stories. One day he was showing a millionaire guest particular attention, leading him personally from picture to picture. The millionaire praised everything cautiously but went into real ecstasies over two pictures marked 'Sold,' two Malaga landscapes that hung side by side.

"'By George!' he said. 'Great! Yes, sir, those two landscapes are as good as anything in my own collection. By George, but I'm sorry they're sold. I'd certainly have bought them if—'

"But the painter interrupted him with a glad laugh.

"'I beg your pardon,' he said, 'but those landscapes aren't sold. I painted them myself and they're hanging so as to show them to advantage.'"

Nation's Wealth in Homes

[illegible] the United States [illegible] single [illegible] which [illegible] farm [illegible]

"The [illegible] States [illegible] the [illegible] est [illegible] 456 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

KEETER NEWS

The club meet every two weeks on Friday nights.

T. A. Wilson was in Fort Worth last Saturday on business.

C. F. Dutton was in Fort Worth last Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bamford spent on Fort Worth last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilson spent Sun with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bamford visited Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Sunday.

Mr. [illegible] church here Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Doc was in Decatur Saturday on business.

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SPLAWN NEWS

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Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in your county, at least once a week for ten days previous to the return day hereof, copies of the following notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of Sallie Meadows, deceased: Effie A. C. White, Mollie Johnson, Mrs. Lizzie Walker, Mrs. Lillie Vernon, who all reside in the State of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Matilda Hubbard, who resides in the State of Wyoming, and to whom it may concern:

You are hereby commanded that you appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Wise County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Decatur, on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the same being the 10th day of January, A. D. 1927, then and there to answer the petition of Mrs. Effie A. C. White, filed in said Court on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1926, in which she alleges that she is the owner of the following described property, to-wit: [illegible] and that the defendants claim some interest in said property adverse to her, and that they have no right, title or interest therein, and that the same is a cloud upon her title, and she prays that the defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon final hearing hereof she have judgment for the title and possession of said property, and for all costs of suit.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on said first Monday after the expiration of said forty-two days, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at Decatur, Texas, this the 6th day of December, A. D. 1926.

[illegible] Clerk, County Court, Wise County, Texas.

WORLD CALLING FOR WEALTH OF TROPICS

Reason for Development of Equatorial Africa.

The colonial ministers at a recent conference in Belgium urged railroad into equatorial Africa. This action has been advocated by colonial countries with interests in the Congo region. Belgium is not only [illegible] but is [illegible] and [illegible] is to be [illegible] The [illegible] with French [illegible] and Africa could [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] speed [illegible] Belgian [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] Sahara [illegible] tools [illegible] and tropical products [illegible] and travelers [illegible] of raw [illegible] The explorations of Livingstone [illegible] Congo, however, gave the world the first estimate of the actual [illegible] the resources of equatorial Africa.

The breaking out of the World war caused temporary curtailment of many European plans for the opening up of central Africa. Some of these plans have been revived within the last year. The British have built a railway from the east coast to add the export of cotton from the newly developed Uganda cotton fields. They have also built several links in the Cape to Cairo railroad for the central African lake region. On the western coast the Belgians have constructed roads of [illegible] miles in length from their Atlantic ports into the interior. One railway to Bukama on the Congo river the French have been using.

The French would, however, that the Belgian railway [illegible] to such an extent that they were no longer able to defend their [illegible] railway. They point out that from the head of navigation on the Congo eastward [illegible] miles spoiling the principal sources of native supplies. This would [illegible] the development of the Congo [illegible] for the first time [illegible] It is a pleasant [illegible] of the same time of year to [illegible] some of conditions. With the present demand for tropical [illegible] it is not likely [illegible] source of supply [illegible]

Former Citizen of Wise County Killed in Wreck

[illegible]

LONE MOUND NEWS

Will Mac Martin spent Sunday with Miss Ethel Shelton.

Mrs. Barnett Peyton spent Thursday with Mrs. Carl Hobby of Alvord.

Mrs. D. S. Farrington spent Friday with Mr. Mac Ira Bell.

Bob Lewis Peyton [illegible] Bell Sunday.

Rev. [illegible] Mr. Hall of Decatur [illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] Mrs. Hall of Decatur [illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] Earl Hodges [illegible] Beatrice Martin [illegible] Callie Hodges Sunday.

Sam Burleson, Mrs. Fannie Burleson [illegible] Mrs. J. M. Bacon.

Mrs. Lucile Dugan, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coburn, all of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Scott and Mrs. [illegible] spent a while with their sister, Mrs. [illegible] Saturday.

Mr. M. in Eaton of Wilson, Oklahoma, [illegible] last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bozeman.

Mrs. Lola Hodges and three children who have been at Memphis picking cotton returned to their home here Saturday.

Radio Program Relates Wise County's Progress

[illegible] Wise County Fair [illegible] Decatur [illegible] over Gen. [illegible] Texas [illegible] by broadcasting the [illegible] program from Station [illegible] at the A. & M. College, College Station, according to radio fans who heard the broadcast. The Wise County Cow Testing Association is one of the [illegible] the state and came in for commendation and explanation.

Miss Hodges, [illegible] and Mrs. [illegible] Callisburg [illegible] Fairies in Decatur [illegible]

Suffered

weak, nervous

"I WAS in a very weakened, run-down condition, surely in need of a tonic and builder," says Mrs. J. B. Wrean, of Anna, Texas. "I was so weak I had to go to bed, and kept getting weaker.

"I suffered from my back so much. I was very nervous, couldn't rest good at night. I couldn't eat anything—I just wasn't hungry.

"I had read so much of Cardui, I thought best to use it. I took seven or eight bottles, and by the time I had taken them I was stronger than I had been in several years. I can highly recommend Cardui."

Thousands of others have found that the tonic effects of the purely vegetable ingredients of Cardui are just what they need to help restore their appetites, to help bring them [illegible] and naturally [illegible] to normal health and [illegible] been found of great [illegible] in so many [illegible] that you should [illegible] which in [illegible] of proved merit.

Buy it at your druggist's.

[illegible]

LEMLEY DRUG CO. — DECATUR

NEWARK NEWS

Little Barry Hill who has been [illegible] ill is slowly recovering.

Miss Jewel Gilbreath of Fort Worth visited Saturday.

Mr. Clarence Wilson [illegible] Cosby Monday on business.

Mrs. Otis Bedford and Mrs. [illegible] Harvey were in Fort Worth Friday.

The [illegible] will be [illegible] and [illegible] Dec. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Messenger [illegible]

[illegible] Bird and [illegible] Lewisville [illegible] week [illegible] Herbert [illegible]

[illegible] Pearl [illegible] Decatur [illegible] Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rieger were in Dallas on business Wednesday.

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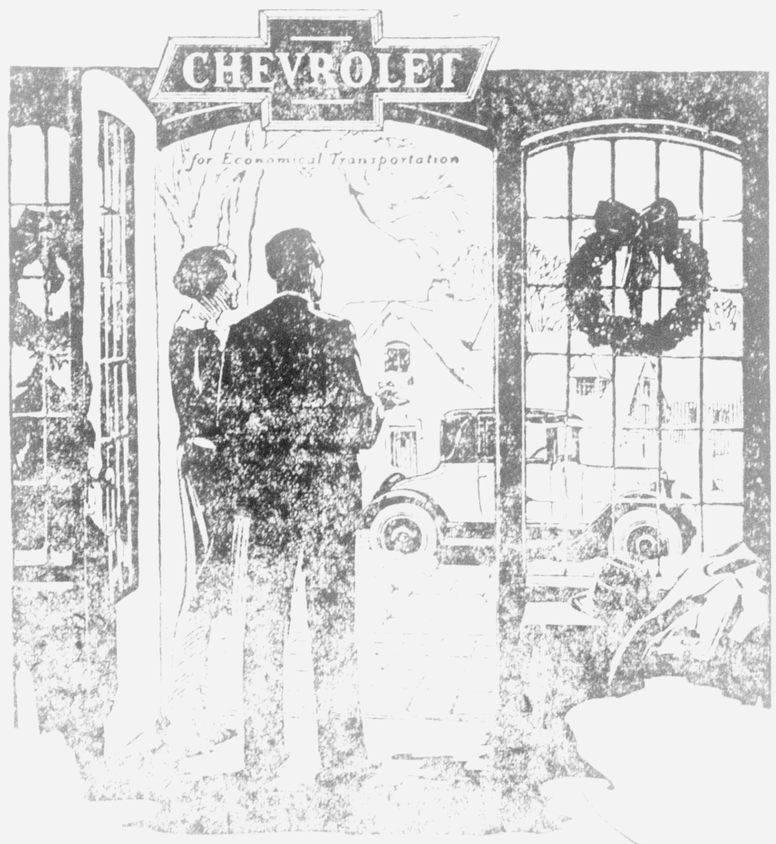

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"NO MAN IS USELESS" —MESSAGE OF CHEER

CHRISTMAS snow was falling, but the downy flakes, so feathery and beautiful in themselves, were covering the earth with a thick, cold blanket which to Mr. Simmons' mind was like a shroud to all the ambitions of his life. When others were jostling each other good naturedly in every store, buying presents to surprise their loved ones and wrapping them tenderly in tissue paper tied with ribbon behind closed doors, this lonely soul walked the streets, the sky and aimlessly disturbed and [illegible] He [illegible] crowds of shoppers and to [illegible] depressed both by [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SOCIETY

MISS ALMA WILKERSON, Reporter — Both Phones

Miss Moore Entertains S. S Class

Miss Lena Moore entertained the members of her Sunday school class with a "Mary Jane" party at the Baptist Sunday school rooms Saturday night.

Among those present were Misses Grace Bell, Freda Reeves, Joy Bell, Mary McCracken, Ruth Workman, Margaret Shoemaker, Daisy Manire, Christine Caveness, Maggie Carpenter, Faye Reeves; Messrs. John Thomas Dunn, Harlan Brown, R. T. Rieger, Wilbur Strain, Ronald Maiden, Vernon Askey, Charley Burton, J. B. Roach, Douglass Akin and Lilburn Riddle.

L. A. L. Club

The L. A. L. Club met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Paul Ash.

W. M. S.

The Woman's missionary society of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the church in a business session.

Musician's Club Met Tuesday

The Musician's Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. L. Gettys. Mrs. Gettys was the director of the study course lesson, "What We Hear in Music". Mrs. Sam Rendleman gave an interesting paper on "Tannhauser Opolio" followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Warren Eldard "To You" by Annie Orr.

D. H. S. Eagles Are Honored

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson entertained a large number of friends at their home Friday evening in honor of the Decatur High football team and Mrs. Patterson's brother, Mr. Wheatley, who played on the Decatur team. Mr. Wheatley is a member of the Chamberlain-Hunt Academy football team of North Texas Friday at Denton.

Mrs. Patterson served delicious fruit bowl. Many games were played and everyone expressed the opinion that the eleven was entitled to the championship.

S. S. Class Entertains Husbands

The Sunday school class of Mrs. C. M. Workman entertained their husbands with a dinner Thursday evening at the Methodist church.

After a lovely dinner, those who were present were entertained with many clever stunts.

Announcements

The Owl Club will meet Wednesday afternoon, three o'clock at the club house.

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The Bridge Club will meet Friday December 17th, at the home of Mrs. Warren Eldard.

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The O. E. E. Club will meet Saturday evening at six thirty at the home of Miss Annette McMordie.

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The Y. W. A. will meet Saturday afternoon, four o'clock at the boy's dormitory of Decatur College.

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The young ladies Missionary Societ, of the Methodist church will meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler.

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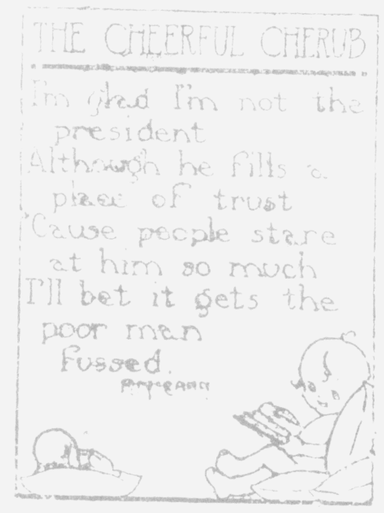
The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will meet in separate circles Monday afternoon, three o'clock at the following places: Circle one with Mrs. circle four with Mrs. A. E. Rice; circle five with Mrs. Jack Walker; circle six with Mrs. W. O. Bailey. Circle three will meet at two o'clock with Mrs. R. L. Hunt.

Marriage License

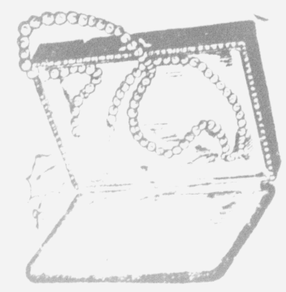
The following marriage license has been issued since last publication of the Messenger:

Eudalio T. Mercado and Miss Grace Cano.


THE CHEERFUL CHERUB
I'm glad I'm not the president
Although he fills a place of trust
'Cause people stare at him so much
I'll bet it gets the poor man fussed.

WHAT TO PUT IN THE STOCKING

We have endeavored at our store to select just such articles as will be most pleasing at Christmas time. And we believe we have the best line of real seasonable gifts in Wise County.



Below we list a few articles taken from our stock at at random, which should assist you in making your selections:

Pyraline Toilet Sets — Aredescent Ware
Boxed Cigars and Smoking Stands
Ivory Pieces — Silverware
Christmas Cards — Fine Stationery
Pottery and Polychrome Pieces
Mantel Clecks — Candle Sticks
A very elaborate showing of perfumes and other toilet requisites

EAGLE DRUG HOUSE

South Side Square— THE REXALL STORE —Decatur, Texas

Your Best Christmas

For the Least Money!

can be had by selling your gift to the home and family in one. Furniture for the home is an Ideal Phonograph gives comfort and joy to the entire family as well as years of fine service and satisfaction. Come and see our stocks. We hope the list of suggested gifts below will help you solve your gift worries:

Library and End Tables
Rockers
Picture Frames and Mouldings
Cedar Chests
Grey Enameled Ranges
Smoker Sets
Iron Beds
Ash Trays
Sheet and Framed Pictures
Sewing Cabinets
Poster, Windsor and Gothic Beds
Princess and Vanity Dressers
Linoleums
De Luxe Bed Springs
Wilton and Axin Rugs

Seller's Kitchen Cabinets
Congoleum Rugs
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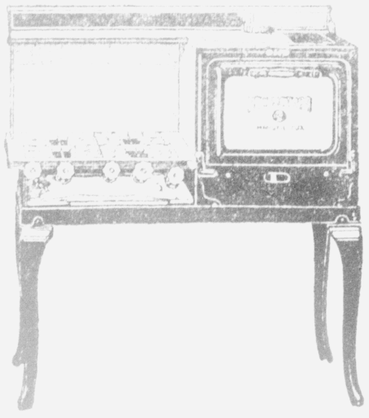

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GHWAY COMPLETION WILL HELP ALL COUNTY

"A hard surfaced highway connecting the newly improved road of the Chico and Bridgeport district with the Meridian and Colorado Gulf highway at Decatur will lead to the speedy development of the dairy industry of the western part of Wise county," said C. V. Lipscomb, vice-president of the Tennessee Dairies, Inc., who was in Decatur Monday.

Mr. Lipscomb said the company would like to install a cooling station at Bridgeport for the preparation and transport of whole milk to Dallas if heavily loaded trucks could operate on the road between Decatur and Bridgeport. Under the present condition of the highway that would not prove practicable. A cooling station installed at Bridgeport and a hard surfaced highway reaching to Fort Worth and Dallas would stimulate most of the region tributary to the Rock Island railroad, including the Craft-on, Chico, Boonville and Willow Point and immediate Bridgeport sections. The same stimulating effect would doubtless be realized in the special and allied farm industries now practically dormant for the lack of highway outlets to market.

Jim Middleton of the Bell section here to attend court before Mr. Lipscomb believes that the future agricultural prosperity of the eastern section of the county is very largely dependent on connecting the Chico-Bridgeport sections with the north Decatur section.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:35 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

LOCAL NEWS

Rev. M. L. Vaughn of Chico was here Friday.

Miss Estelle Below was in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Billie Park of Fort Worth visited friends here Sunday.

Philip Tallmer of Saint Jo was in Decatur Wednesday.

R. S. Miller of Denton visited his wife here Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Hall of Fort Worth visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Claude Wood of Fort Worth was here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Terrell were in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christian visited in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hudgins visited in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Hudgins and Jack Rogers were in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Hall visited in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Christian visited in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Hudgins visited

COW TESTING REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER GIVEN

Below is a list of cows qualifying as individual producers and producing over forty pounds of fat each for the month of November, according to the records of the Wise County Cow Testing Association:

Owner	Name of Cow	Lbs. Fat
J. L. Ward	Granny	80.8
J. L. Ward	Crook	52.3
B. S. Wise	McChuney	50.1
J. W. Jackson	Brownie	48.9
E. C. Gilliland	Butter Girl	47.9
Luther Burress	Bridgie	47.5
Luther Burress	Silver	46.5
Roy Stocks	Sensation	46.0
Roy Stocks	Kewpie	45.6
Luther Burress	Lonesome	45.5
J. W. Jackson	Spot Four	44.8
E. C. Gilliland	Annie	43.7
Coy Stevens	Daize	43.5
Kelley & Sons	Bess	43.0
C. J. Young	Christal	42.9
C. J. Young	Spot	42.7
E. C. Gilliland	Tex	42.6
E. C. Gilliland	Josie	42.5
Roy Stocks	Fern	42.4
Roy Stocks	Minnie	42.3
J. N. Hinkle	Star	42.3
E. C. Gilliland	Hettie	41.7
A. E. Tackel	Blue	41.4
Roy Stocks	Luchida	41.3
Coy Stevens	Brownie	41.1
L. L. Barress	Bell	40.9
J. N. Hinkle	Spot	40.7
J. L. Ward	Bridie	40
L. L. Barress	B. Baby	40.1

OLD PIONEER OF CHICO VICINITY HAS PASSED

J. W. Fulghum, an old pioneer of Wise county and a leading citizen of this town, died at his home here Wednesday, December 1st, after an illness of several weeks.

He is survived by one son and two daughters, all of whom were at his bedside when the end came: J. M. Fulghum of Fort Worth, Mrs. John Wilson of Haskell and Miss Lena of Chico.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon conducted by Rev. M. J. Vaughn, its pastor, and the remains were laid to rest in the Chico cemetery beside his beloved companion, who had preceded him to the great beyond about one year ago.

The Review, in behalf of the people of Chico and Wise county, extends sympathy to the bereaved in this time of sorrow.—Chico Review.

CHRISTMAS MORNING —THE MAGIC PILLOW

THE severe, listless silence of the hospital ward of almost contrasted with the excitement, rushing, noisy [illegible] effusing their way [illegible] through [illegible] corridors. [illegible] Christmas [illegible] Christmas [illegible] Christmas

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It promises to be a "white Christmas" with many white coin.

The home town merchants are the fellows who assist you in boosting the community.

Another car of toothsome turkeys from farms in the Wonderful County has gone east.

Probably the secret of Al Smith's success is his habit of saying what's on the tip of his tongue.

[illegible] and secure law [illegible] and [illegible] to the [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

A WELCOMED CHECK CAME AT CHRISTMAS

MARTHA WHITESIDE was a lonely old woman. She lived in a little gray cottage on Bank street. She had no relatives and very few friends. But this fact did not seem to bother her very much at least the town thought it did not. And really even the few friends she had moved away or forgot her, or so it often she spent days [illegible]

[illegible] Martha was poor—so poor that she often had to do without the barest necessities so that the tiny income that was hers might stretch over a year. But she was too proud to let this fact ever be known and loyal to the memory of her dear old husband to let the town know the hard left her so badly off.

A few days before [illegible] answered the [illegible] torishment. She [illegible] now and a registered letter was something she had not received for years. With trembling fingers she tore open the check, made out to the order of Martha Whiteside for the amount of $500. She stared [illegible] ther she returned to the [illegible] and entered [illegible] space time [illegible] ved over [illegible] Martha was good and [illegible] Martha was poor—so

CHRISTMAS CARDS

CHRISTMAS cards have become a nightmare for many people, but it is the misuse and not the use of them that should be deplored.

A Christmas card today, as always, is, or should be, a harbinger of love. If it is not, the fault is with us and not with the card. A card should always be a message of friendship, not a perfunctory duty. In a busy world it is a convenient, delightful way in which to remember [illegible] It has come to stay.

[illegible]

SAD, BUT TRUE

LAUGH—BE HAPPY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

IF IT were possible, the Randals would have been unhappy, because of the many reverses of the past year; a great loss by fire, sickness, too; and hospital bills, and many of the misfortunes that come in a lifetime seemed to have come to them the past year. To peep in on them, or even to have listened in, would have convinced any recluse that happiness was permeating the very atmosphere of that home.

"Now, James," began Mrs. Randal who didn't resemble one who takes the "daily dozen" but proved the saying, "Laugh and the world laughs with you." "I have laughed at Mary's letter until I am sick. All their troubles yet she says she can't have a happy Christmas because of our many misfortunes, and that they wouldn't think of having any one in, and for us not to be too lonely. Well, well, that really is funny as not be too [illegible]" Mrs. Randal [illegible] for [illegible] laughing [illegible]

"Well, Rose, quit your laughing, read that letter, or tell it to me.

"Oh, James, to think of her [illegible] so [illegible] poor old [illegible] Desmond [illegible] Mary [illegible] Christmas [illegible] Mary [illegible] Christmas [illegible] Mary [illegible] Christmas

"On Christmas Day in the Morning"

by

Patience Eden

CHRISTMAS?

Not at all. Oh, nothing like it.

Cherry dug her hands down in the pockets of her gay sweater and gloomily surveyed the lovely scene.

Christmas . . . and the lazy swing of moss garlands from tropical trees? Christmas . . . and a languorous moon riding a southern sky? Christmas . . . and a soft breeze fanning her cheek?

Certainly not! It might be the jolly holiday season at home, thousands of dreary miles away, but there was not the hint of it here.

Cherry walked slowly along the white, gleaming beach. Silver waves lapped softly over the stones. Beautiful? Ah, yes! It had all been wonderful when she first came nearly a year ago. But she used to think about Christmas then and how nice it was for a person could be with the family for a real Christmas. And all concerned Cherry . . . and the chance to . . . in the world.

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He Waved His Hat, She Waved Her Handkerchief

It was the same old story. A short circuit of wires . . . a flash of fire and the tree ablaze in no time. It was not a regulation Christmas tree, but one constructed with patient care to look as nearly like one as possible. Much green paper had been employed, festoons of tinsel, bright baubles.

Cherry flew down the corridor to the ward. And upon entering found plenty to do. The fire had been quenched but not without danger to several patients and nurses. The place was still in a commotion. There was a smell of burned clothing. The wreck of the tree was a heap of ashes. Hands were burned in putting out the fire. Excitement and terror were written on the faces of the sick.

With quiet capability Cherry helped to bring peace out of chaos. She worked quickly. Hands were bound up. Patients soothed. The last traces of the tree removed. Order began to reign again in the large ward.

All through the excitement Cherry was faintly aware of someone who was always ready at her elbow to do the necessary lifting of patients out of the burned area. This somebody had a towel bound over his forehead. It came over his eyes and fell on one side almost obscuring his face. The lights in the ward were not going properly; everything was a bit dim. Cherry paid no attention to anything but the necessary work. But she felt glad of the strong, intelligent hands of this stranger.

When everything possible had been done Cherry left the ward and went slowly outdoors to get a breath. Now that the emergency was over she began to feel again the misery . . . of . . . and . . . she . . . replaced.

She sat . . . there in the . . . moonlight. And they talked . . . roasted chestnuts in front of a . . . and sleigh rides and plum pudding . . . and stockings hanging in a row on the mantel piece and how the back stairs creaked when you tried to steal down on early Christmas morning. Cherry . . . never quite so happy in her life.

"Coming home with me?" asked David.

"We-e-ell," said Cherry.

"Let's get married on Christmas?" suggested David, in his usual direct manner.

"On Christmas Day in the morning?"

"No, Christmas Day in the morning."

And they were.

And all the nurses and the doctors and patients in the ward had a piece of maple sugar instead of a wedding cake.

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